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About The Cover

IF you had been strolling down the main street in Manchester in the year 1840, you would have found yourself in surroundings as pictured on this month's cover of the **Star**. The artist's painting catches the spirit, life and dress of this period. As you walked you would probably have remarked to your friend about the plagues that had been spreading in the Near East, or perhaps the earthquakes in Scotland during the past year might be a topic of conversation. Nor was this a time when the world was at peace, and there were no major conflicts to discuss. Civil war raged in Spain, Mexico and South America were engulfed in revolutions, the French and Arabians were battling, and England had her contentions in Canada, China and the East Indies. Maybe you would hear small groups talking about the recent attempt to assassinate Queen Victoria and Prince Albert and how those responsible were brought to justice.

It was in these times that Parley P. Pratt, under the instruction of the Quorum of Twelve, began preparations for the publication of the **Millennial Star**. In the month of May, the first issue came off the presses in Manchester, at 149 Oldham Road. Since that time the **Star** has enjoyed continuous publication and carries the distinction of being the oldest continuous Church publication in existence.

Although eleven decades have passed, during which time the **Star** has recorded the rise and progress of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, its objective today remains identical with that set for it by the first Editor, who stated in the first issue that it was to be a publication "devoted entirely to the great work of the spread of truth, sincerely praying that man may be led to carefully examine the subject, and to discern between truth and error and act accordingly".

Love and Kindness in the M.I.A

By LA RUE C. LONGDEN

OUR Master said: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy mind . . . And thy neighbour as thyself.



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AS we render service to our fellow men, we reiterate our love of our Father in Heaven as well as our fellow men. Love is the fountain source of all good things in the world. Kindness to our fellow men, in a world confused by hate, envy, suspicion and bitterness can move mountains, not only physical but spiritual. It is the means through which we can help each other in the journey of life. Without it, we are "become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbol." (1 Corin. 13: 1)

From the four corners of the earth come stories of how the love and kindness of M.I.A. workers have helped the youth of many communities over some of the rough spots in life. Boys and girls, sometimes far away from home and the influences of their parents,

are always enfolded in the loving arms of M.I.A. through wise and devoted officers and teachers who are constant examples for them.

In far away Guam a lovely leader, originally from Arizona, has organized an M Men and Gleaner group. They are in her home to be a part of her own family at times, and are studying the manual "Love, Marriage and You," holding firesides which are conducted by the young folk themselves, and are being brought always closer not only to each other but the principles of the Church.

As the sun rose over the desert one bright and glorious morning, a group of several hundred young men and women gathered to bear testimony to each other of the beauties of the Gospel. This was the culmination of a youth conference which was held for three days—three glorious days filled with games and sports for everyone, songs sung both for fun and in worship, a lovely dancing party, good food—cooked out in the open, an M Men and Gleaner banquet, and a sunrise service in the top of the mountains. They were three days those young people will never forget. Near the end of the testimony meeting a young man arose, his eyes bright and a little moist. He unashamedly admitted that he had been brought into the Church by the love and devotion of a "buddy" in the world war. This buddy had so loved his Father in Heaven and his fellow men that he had dared to live the principles of the Gospel when, as far as he knew, no one was watching. Someone was watching though, and this someone was impressed by the wonderful leadership abilities of his buddy. "He was a step ahead of most of the other fellows. He could lead out in a song fest, in putting on all sorts of programmes, skits, stories and

could even put on a dance with ninety percent men! Everyone loved that guy!" "That guy" has been an active M.I.A. member all of his life. He had learned to love the important things in life. He had learned the great importance of chastity, of spiritual values, of playing at the right time, and of praying at the right time. Because his love ran over into the lives of many whom he met, it went a little further in one instance and so impressed one boy that he wanted to know more about him and his philosophy of life. Today that young man, now an active member of the Church, bears a strong testimony of the divinity of the Gospel, of the glorious satisfaction of loving "the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbour as thyself."

Love is such a continuous thing. There is no starting place and no ending. The more you give the more you have. Our great President, George Albert Smith, whose eightieth birthday was on April 4th, this year, has set an example to the whole world by his life of loving kindness. In March, 1932, the "Improvement Era" published President Smith's creed. It has been republished in the April, 1950, issue. Two of his outstanding statements are:

"I would teach the truth to the understanding and blessing of all mankind."

"I would not knowingly wound the feeling of any, not even one who may have wronged me, but would seek to do him good and make him my friend."

We of the M.I.A. know there is no one whom we could better follow than our beloved President Smith. Our programme for the youth of this great Church is built on the premise of love for our youth. Why plan lessons which will build active and strong testimonies

otherwise? Why plan activities and recreational events which will help to build well rounded men and women, good citizens in the Kingdom of our Father in Heaven? President Brigham Young, the great founder of the M.I.A., knew the importance of good recreation for everyone. He knew when men and women are worried, overworked, confused, or in sorrow, they need to know how to pull themselves up spiritually through good drama, story-telling, happy singing, gay dancing—through hikes into the mountains where God's spirit can be felt so close. He knew the importance of learning more about the Gospel through well planned, intelligent lessons. He knew that "the glory of God is intelligence." What but a feeling of love for his fellow men could have promoted such a programme?



The programme of M.I.A. has touched the lives of many thousands of people. Who can say how much good has resulted or will result in the future? Young boys and girls have felt the influence in the moulding of their lives and have taken their places of leadership both in the

Church and in communities all over the world.

Today, whether we live in Great Britain, in Hong Kong, in Hawaii or in the remotest spot on the earth, there is enough of our Father in Heaven's love to reach us if we will but tune our spirits to it. How? Do you love your fellow men? Do you tell others about the Gospel? Do you carry your share of the load by teaching a class, by having young folk in your home, by bearing your testimony to them? Do you do little kindnesses which no one but "He and thee" knows about? If the answer is "Yes," then you have in your heart the "peace that passeth understanding" and wherever you go love and kindness will follow after you.

Liberty - Through The Gospel of Jesus Christ

LIBERTY is my birthright blessing of heaven. One of the glorious fruits of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is liberty or freedom of self. Freedom is inseparably connected with God and His world representative—Jesus the Christ. Liberty is co-eval with God. The Gospel of the Ages is rooted in the divine principle of freedom. Man's full liberty can only be protected and guaranteed by the personal application of the divine charter of liberty—the Gospel of life and salvation. Obedience to "the perfect law of liberty" must be the habit of one who would be free.

It seems to be evident that never in the history of man has the fallen son

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free agency and their liberty is not of God. Modern programmes in Europe and I must say, in America—both Canada and the United States—have launched their schemes and in so doing attempt to lull us to sleep by the oft repeated refrain—how beneficial their purposes are—yet, they seek to take away from man his liberty and his free agency. Such are the recent agents of the rejected and fallen son of God.

Wherefore, hear my voice and follow me, and you shall be a free people, and ye shall have no laws when I come, when I come, for I am your lawgiver, and what can stay my hand.
D. and C. 38:22

of God and his agencies used such conspiring designs to wrest from man his liberty as are now launched forth in the world. Christ and His eternal programme for world liberty shall not fail. He was opposed in pre-Eden times to taking away the free agency of man. In the history of the ages, one thing is resplendently clear, and that is—that God desired to guarantee to every man and woman, liberty. Christ became in the beginning the divine Champion of the cause of liberty. His Gospel has been and now is the only sure way to liberate us from evil, ignorance, harmful habits, totalitarian designs and spiritual darkness.

Paul taught the Saints in his day the glorious truth as to the source of liberty when he said: "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." (II Cor. 3: 17) Any institution or man that takes away from the people their

Alma taught us in the first century B.C., "the spirit of God . . . is also the spirit of freedom." (Alma 61: 15) That is in harmony with the plan and programme from the beginning. James taught the Saints of former days, the Gospel of Christ is "the perfect law of liberty." (James 1: 25) No one can project anything which will be equal or superior to the "perfect law of liberty." That "perfect law of liberty"—the Gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ—has been restored in this our day in implicit fullness. It is here in the world for the perfecting of the Saints in the principles of freedom and eternal liberty. The Psalmist knew the way to liberty because he said, "and I will walk at liberty: for I seek Thy precepts." (Psalms 119: 45) The author of all liberty made man a promise as recorded by John as follows, "ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8: 32) Under



mind, body, or by government, it is by obedience to that law of liberty upon which it is predicated. The liberty of government or the liberty of the Gospel come from the same eternal source—Jesus, the Author and Champion of liberty. The most profitable investment you can make in this life is the investment in liberty of the soul through obedience to the Gospel. There are no dividends commensurate with these which come from our labours towards freedom through the plan of life and salvation of our Lord.

Perhaps the greatest art of all the arts is learning how to be free individually. Ours is a higher toned business than building things—important as that be in this world—yet, the project of personal liberty is our major and eternal task. Surely one is on the beam of eternal truth when we proclaim that the freest man is he who obeys the highest law. The highest laws are the Gospel—the Celestial laws. The Gospel is founded upon the principle of freedom. Without free agency man could never be held accountable for his sins before God. If the highest or fullest freedom is found only in the realms of things Celestial, then the Saints through the Gospel are seeking liberty and freedom at their best. Now is the day for us as Saints to be loyal to the highest law—that we may be free. Now is our opportunity to establish our liberty. Why not personally join in with the Psalmist and say, **“And I will walk at liberty for I seek Thy precepts.”**

the inspiration of Heaven the Modern American Prophet Joseph Smith counselled us to **“abide ye in the liberty wherewith ye are made free; entangle not yourselves in sin, but let your hands be clean, until the Lord comes.”** (D. and C. 88:86) Also, **“I, the Lord God, make you free, therefore ye are free indeed; and the law also maketh you free.”** (D. and C. 98: 8)

Paraphrastically expressing it, there is a law irrevocably decreed which is older than the world, upon which liberty or personal freedom is based. When we obtain any freedom of soul,

Priesthood Announcement

IN the British Mission, Saturday, the 13th of May, has been set apart for a district priesthood banquet among all the men and boys in the respective districts. Each district group is urged to get together for an enjoyable evening where they might all get better acquainted and where the boys and their fathers might play together. It is hoped that on the Sunday following, May 14th, that suitable reference will be made to the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood, the anniversary of which occurs on the following day, May 15th.

*A mother, a father, a child, and
the Gospel continue the composition of a . . .*

Rondo on a Theme by God

A CHILD was alone in darkness. His mind was struggling hard to understand, but everything seemed vague, confused, and a little frightening. He knew that he had left behind him something very precious, but as he tried to see it through the blackness around him, it was as if a veil had been dropped before his eyes. Someone he loved was on the other side. The world around him was in upheaval, and he had no light. He did the only thing he knew how—he began to cry.

And then the darkness started to lift, and very indistinctly he saw something large and pretty. He didn't know what it was, but it was soft and warm. He snuggled against it. He felt protected and no longer alone. His little cries faded into short, infrequent gasps. Then he fell asleep.

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It was strange how She was always there. For a long time he couldn't quite figure her out—She was always blurred and indefinite, but more important, She was always kind. Whenever he felt strange rumblings in his tummy and heard terrible noises from the same region, he always knew She'd be there soon to comfort him and feed him. Whenever his world became uncomfortably wet—for some unknown reason—She always came and fixed the difficulty. That pleased him. Then one day, when he was dry and warm. She suddenly became clearer to him than ever before. He felt wonderful all over, and he smiled and laughed. That seemed to please her too. He was even happier then. He wanted to look at her and look at her, but his eyes were heavy and he knew he was going to sleep. It seemed to him that he did nothing but sleep—and he did so want to observe things now they were in focus. "I hope I don't spend all my time sleeping!" he thought as he closed his eyes.

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There was another face too which he saw quite frequently—a different kind of face from the first one. It belonged to someone with a deep voice and a rough skin that made the silliest noises whenever he came around. You couldn't help but like him though. He seemed to be a well-meaning person. Sometimes he made the dampness go away too. He didn't do it as easily as She did, but the results were pretty much the same.

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All of a sudden, his world began to grow!

He saw the strangest looking objects around him. He wanted to touch them. She was always around, and he'd hear her say, "Chair. That's a chair, darling," or "Stove. That's hot. Mustn't touch." He didn't know what she meant at first, but after he touched it he did. So that's what "hot" was. He'd know the next time he heard it. He decided She knew what She was talking about. He wondered if he could say "hot." He tried, but it didn't sound the same when he did it. He did say "Mama" one day when he was experimenting with his voice and it pleased her so much that he used it quite often after that. He also said "Dada" and the other one seemed to like that. Strangely enough, even to him the sound of those two words as he said them made him feel rather good inside.

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Before he knew what had happened, his world grew even more. He saw many other people, big, small, fat, thin, old and young in his surroundings. He discovered how to walk; he learned other words and how to put them together. He could now tell Mama and Daddy what he wanted instead of just

rying when things weren't quite right. He found that asking "Why?" at first produced long explanations from his parents, and then, as time went on, the explanations became shorter, and they didn't seem to be so happy about his being able to talk anymore. But he wanted to know.

"Why, Daddy?"

"Why, Mother?"

"Why?"

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His dinner looked particularly good that night, but as usual he had to wait until Mother and Dad had closed their eyes, bowed their heads, and said some words. When they finished and he



began to eat, he still wondered about it.

"Why do you do that, Mother?" he asked.

She stopped and looked at him. There was food all over his face and hands, but in his eyes she saw the look of bewilderment.

"We were praying, dear, that our Father in Heaven would bless the food we are eating."

"Bless? What's that?"

"Make it safe for us to eat. Cleanse it of anything that might make it bad."

"Can He do that?"

"Yes," his mother replied.

"He must be wonderful — like a magician."

"He's greater than even that," mother said.

He always kept his eyes tightly closed after that when they were praying, and he even said the words himself sometimes — with Dad or Mother helping him.

He thought a lot about this individual his mother called God, the Lord, or Father in Heaven. Sometimes he felt he almost knew or had known Him before. Those names gave him the same feeling "Mother" and "Dad" did. Maybe it was because his mother used to tell him that he came from God when he came to her.

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The desire to learn seemed to fill his little body so completely he thought he'd burst. First, there were only Mother and Dad to tell him about things. Then he went to school. He hadn't liked it at first. It was all very strange to him. Mother and Dad weren't anywhere close by, and he was a little afraid and very lonely for a while. Then his teachers began explaining the most amazing kind of facts to him. More often than not he'd come home and tell his mother about them, and if he didn't quite understand, she'd make it clear to him. Eventually, he decided school was all right.

He not only went to a regular school every day, but he went to a special one on Sunday. They talked about different things there. They talked about God and Jesus Christ. Christ sounded like a nice man, and they had such lovely pictures of Him with little boys and girls.

"Mother," he asked one day on the way home from church. "Why was Jesus baptised?"

"Because His Father in Heaven wanted Him to be," she replied.

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Biblical Knowledge in Early America

SINCE the discovery of the American continent by Columbus, there have been many theories brought forward concerning the peopling of this vast land. Some have assumed that the logical connection between the two hemispheres was through the Bering Straits—that where water now is, there was once land, and that roving Mongolians wandered across and infiltrated into the country, moving gradually southward. This theory has been largely exploded by the findings of archeologists, who all agree that the civilization of the early people of the Americas developed as they moved northward, and suddenly ended in northern Mexico.

How then did they get there? As there is no possibility of another land connection between South America and some other continent, we must turn to the ocean pathways for the solution of this problem. The ocean was a very early and very much used method of travel, and the facts stated above have led the archeologists to conclude unanimously that the oceans furnished the highways for the early people that came to America.

The learned men of today agree that there were two major migrations. They also agree that the first of these came about the time of the building of the Tower of Babel, and the other about 600 BC. The traditions of the surviving race tell of two migrations also. They say the greater and earlier one came from the east, and that the smaller and lesser one came from the west. The Book of Mormon definitely states that there were at least two migrations, that the first took place about the time the Lord confounded the language of all the earth, and that the larger group came from the east.

Because these people came from the

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old world, they could have easily been of the House of Israel. If the Book of Mormon is the word of God and the archeologists are correct, then the American Indian is a descendant of one of the twelve tribes of Israel, and as such, should have had some knowledge of events recorded in the Bible.

Did they?

Studies made of these people have definitely shown that at some time they **have had** knowledge of Biblical events. The story of the Flood is widely current among the American Indians. A man, Noach, with certain other people, escaped in a boat filled with various animals and birds. A rainbow is the sign that this will not happen again.”(1) This sacred tradition is a truth found in our own scriptures. “In the course of time a tower was erected for the purpose of reaching the clouds, but the god, incensed at this presumption, destroyed the tower, confused the language of the day and dispersed the people.”(2)

“In the early part of the 18th century, a Dutch Jew, whose name was Aaron Levy, but who wrote under the nom de plume, Montesinus . . . met with a strange people in the northern Andes, of whom he says: ‘My guide was Indian—at least so he seemed to me—and he called his god after the name of the Hebrew God, Adonai. He told me that in very ancient times his forefathers were called Abram, Esaak, and Yakoob; that the name of his own tribe was Rooben. Through him I made the acquaintance of a number of men of his tribe, whom I at once recognised as Jews. They kissed and embraced me as a brother.’(3) From

this, and many other astounding happenings, we find that Jacob and his twelve sons play a prominent part in the legends of the Indians. "Some of the tribes used to build an altar of twelve stones in memory of a great ancestor of theirs who had twelve sons. 'They had traditions that all Indian tribes descended from one man who had twelve sons; that this man was a notable and renowned prince, having great dominion; and that the Indians, his posterity, will yet recover the same dominion and influence.'" (4) The Indians also have their ark, "Seemingly like that of the Old Testament; this the Indians take with them to war; it is never permitted to touch the ground, but rests upon stones or pieces of wood, it being deemed sacrilegious and unlawful to open it or look upon it." (5) "The American priests scrupulously guard their sanctuary, and the High Priest carries on his breast a white shell adorned with precious stones, which recalls the Urim of the Jewish high priest; of whom we are also reminded by a band of white plumes on his forehead." (6)

The Indians are of the House of Israel through Ephraim and Manasseh, the sons of Joseph. These people are the branch that was to "run over the wall". (7) What wall? The wall of water between the two continents. The Bible contains much of their history. They carried part of these precious truths of their origin with them on the brass plates of Laban, and taught them to the posterity given them in the "land of everlasting hills." (8) Even though the Gospel was lost to them, glimpses of the truth have remained in their legends and folklore.

The Book of Mormon has proclaimed to the world for one hundred and twenty years these truths now being discovered from the dense jungle growth that has kept hidden the wonders of a once mighty civilization.

Jesus Christ bore testimony of the relationships of the Indians to Israel when He said, "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also

I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." (9) He mentioned other sheep, so these people He was referring to must have been of the House of Israel, or He would not have called them sheep. Christ's mission was to the House of Israel, and whenever He spoke of His flock or His sheep, it was always in reference to them. After His resurrection and ascension, Christ appeared to these sheep who lived on the American continent. He said to them, "Ye are they of whom I said: Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. And they understood me not, for they supposed it had been the Gentiles; and they understood me not that the Gentiles should not at any time hear my voice—that I should not manifest myself unto them save it were by the Holy Ghost. But behold, ye have both heard my voice, and seen me; and ye are numbered among those whom the Father hath given me." (10)

The Book of Mormon declares to the world the truth of God's dealings with His chosen people. It explains and clarifies many things about the ancient civilizations which existed on the American Continents. We are not asked to accept it on faith alone. We have the proofs which archeologists and historians are constantly bringing to light. But, more important, we have the promise that Moroni makes that "if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, he will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost." (11)

HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

(1) Americas Before Columbus . . . Dewey Farnsworth, page 26. (2) Ibid, page 26. (3) Ibid, page 21. (4) Ibid, page 26. (5) Ibid, page 18—Ark at Jericho, Joshua 6:9. (6) Ibid, page 18. (7) Genesis 49: 22-26. (8) I Nephi 5: 14, 16. (9) John 10: 16 (10) III Nephi 15: 21-24. (11) Moroni 10:4.



THE restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood by John the Baptist in the last days will always be an important event in the minds and the lives of the Latter-day Saints, and especially the young and older men upon whom this priesthood has been conferred.

To fully realise the magnitude of this event one must first understand that this great power to act and officiate in the name of the Lord had not been upon the earth for many centuries. When the heavenly messenger acting under the instructions of Peter, James and John placed his hands upon the heads of Joseph and Oliver and said, "Upon you my fellow servants, in the name of the Messiah I confer the Priesthood of Aaron," a marvellous blessing was being bestowed.

Unquestionably, priesthood authority was again upon earth. The sacred commission given only to Aaron and the tribe of Levi in the days of Israel was back. Oh, how wonderful! The same priesthood by which John baptised the Master Himself now is existent with the Latter-day Saints for the blessing of mankind. How extremely grateful we should be, and what efforts we should make to fit our lives to be worthy of holding this priesthood.

Did it ever occur to you that this resurrected messenger, John sent from God, was one of the most illustrious characters of the New Testament?

His birth was announced to his father by the Angel Gabriel as recorded by Luke as follows: "Fear not, Zacharias, for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (Luke 1: 13-17)

He not only went before and prepared the way for the Master, the Son of God, but he had the great distinction and honour of baptising Him. It was later said of him by the Saviour that of all those born of women, none was greater than the prophet John the Baptist.

Did you observe, brethren, that he addressed Joseph and Oliver as fellow servants? Doesn't it thrill you as bearers of the Aaronic Priesthood that you may be regarded as fellow servants in God's kingdom with such as he? May you magnify your calling, we humbly pray.

Intelligence - or the Light of Truth

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WE constantly hear the philosophy that we cannot necessarily take the Bible or its doctrines to be true, nor that they should apply to us because the people in Abraham's day were unintelligent, or that the people were so void of intelligence in the Saviour's day that He had to teach them in parables. When we are confronted with this type of a statement from every quarter it is with querying minds that we wonder just what does constitute intelligence, were people in Biblical days without this attribute, and is just "the modern age" in possession of this priceless gift? Let us examine the answers to these questions.

In common usage we gain the inference that intelligence is the power to assimilate knowledge. Thus today, one who possesses great knowledge is intelligent or referred to as such. This, however, is not necessarily true. The power to assimilate knowledge or knowledge itself differs greatly from pure intelligence. To illustrate: we learn from Latter-day revelation that "The glory of God is intelligence or, in other words, light and truth. Light and truth forsake the evil one." (D. and C. 93:36-37) From this quotation we learn that intelligence or light and truth cannot be associated with evil. Where one is—the other is not. For example, Satan possesses a great amount of knowledge, far more than we, but he has no intelligence, for if he had he would render obedience to the Gospel. Not only the father of lies, but "... the devils also believe, and tremble." (James 2:19) Their belief or knowledge did not, nor does not, motivate them to righteous actions. Why? For want of intelligence. Then too, we see around us individuals who learn very quickly and who have a great amount of knowledge, yet they do not use these attributes for good. They do not possess pure intelligence for "... the intelligent man glories in righteousness." (**Way to Perfection—Smith**)

We must remember, at the same time, that for a man to be intelligent he must have knowledge, for the former includes the latter and consequently becomes more potent.

Thus we learn that neither knowledge nor the power to assimilate it is altogether what constitutes intelligence in the sight of our Father in Heaven. We learn also that in whatever age a man has lived, whether antediluvian, contemporary with Abraham, or listening to the Master himself, regardless of a Plato or peasant, if he has used his knowledge righteously, he has been intelligent. In the words of President Joseph F. Smith, "... pure intelligence comprises not only knowledge, but also the power to properly apply that knowledge." (**Way to Perfection.**)

British Missionary Saves Drowning Boy

By RONALD J. ALLEN

THE other day an incident happened which strengthened my testimony of how near our Father in Heaven is to us in this life. Maybe it will strengthen yours.

On Saturday, March 25th, my companion, Elder Orden D. Lowder of Caldwell, Idaho, and I travelled from Derby, where we labour, to Nottingham for a missionary choir practice. When we arrived at the mission home there were only a few missionaries present so the practice was delayed. Several of the elders had gone down to practice basketball for the coming national championship games. My companion and I, therefore, had an hour or so on our own.

It was one of those late winter days in England when you can experience the thrill of seeing the first signs of Spring. As we contemplated what should be done in this spare hour we had a great urge to take a walk. I didn't know then why this desire came upon us. I thought perhaps it was because of the beautiful day. Yet, now I know that there was a more important purpose to it than just the weather.

As we walked it seemed that our steps had no particular direction, but we eventually arrived at the Trent River which flows through Nottingham. This river is affected by incoming and outgoing tides from the North Sea and the currents are very treacherous. We walked across the Suspension Bridge which spans the river and strolled for a while along the embankment, then retraced our steps and started back over the bridge.

No sooner had we walked onto the bridge than off on the side we heard yelling intermixed with what I thought at the time to be laughter. As I looked around I saw a young lad in the water who I assumed right away was taking a swim. As I looked closer, however, I could see that the lad was obviously in distress and that a small boy on the embankment seemed very much excited. Apparently the chap in the



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water had fallen in and was in need of help. I had no more reached this conclusion than I turned to Elder Lowder, but by this time my companion had run down to the water, removed his hat, coat and shoes and dived into the river after the young boy. Several very anxious moments passed while my quick thinking companion brought the unconscious lad out of the treacherous water. Nor did the anxiety end there. For fifteen minutes artificial respiration was administered in which time nearly a quart of water was taken from the lad's lungs. By this time he had begun to regain consciousness and the ambulance arrived to take him to the hospital.

That boy, eight-year-old Percy Denham of Nottingham, is alive today because of the quick thinking of my companion. But also I cannot forget that if we had not been directed to the spot at the right time the accident would have ended in disaster.

Elder Lowder and I feel that the urge

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The Children's Page

By IDA MOCKLI

MAYTIME

May time, May time,
Happy, happy, play time.
Spring is coming;
The flowers are here.
Springtime, May time
Best of all the year.

MAY BASKET FLOWERS

How many flowers can you name?

1. Remember me.
2. An animal; a hand covering.
3. An unmarried man; part of a coat.
4. A girl who lives between two hills.
5. A noise; a mythical animal.
6. A rationed product; a dish.
7. An animal; a girl's name.
8. A vehicle; a country.
9. Part of the face.
10. An hour of the day.

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JEAN sang happily as she gathered yellow dandelions off the front lawn. David was running up and down the sidewalk with a red ball. Neither David nor Jean had on a coat. It was Spring!

"Children," called Mother from the front porch, "come in to lunch."

"All right, Mother," answered David and Jean. They went in the house and washed their hands and faces, brushed their hair, and sat down to their good lunch.

"Even if it is Saturday, Jean, we had better practice our parts for the school health play," said David, pushing away his dish of green vegetables.

"Yes, and try on our costumes," answered Jean, pretending she didn't see the nice glass of milk Mother had put by her plate.

David and Jean were learning in school about all the things that make boys and girls strong and well. David

was taking the part of a nice orange carrot, and Jean was a bottle of milk. Each had to do a song and dance about how good these were for children. Mother Jones had made David a crepe paper costume. Jean's was made of white cardboard.

Mother was pleased when her children finished their parts. "That was fine," she said. "Now all you have to do is follow the things you sang about."

"But I don't like carrots," said David.

"And I don't like milk," said Jean.

"Unless you eat lots of carrots and all the other vegetables and greens, you'll never stay well and strong," Mother said. "And milk helps to grow good, firm bones. You need lots of that, too."

Do we really?" asked David.

"I heard once that we needed lots of fruit also," said Jean. "Is that right?"

"Haven't you ever heard the story of the early sailors who didn't eat properly?" asked Mother.

"No," cried both of the children. "Tell us, please."

So Mother did.

"Many years ago some sailors were out in a big ship on the ocean. They were very ill. Their cheeks were pale. They were sad and discouraged. They had a disease called scurvy. No one knew what caused it. It always seemed to happen on voyages when the men had been away from land for a long

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YES, it's great to be in England now that April's past. And with the arrival of May and the advent of Spring, it's time once more to be thinking of tricky ways to serve salads at mealtimes. A good salad adds zest and colour to a meal and that thing we call "eye appeal." It also adds minerals and vitamins to our diet and gives our teeth the kind of exercise that helps to keep them healthy.

Salads are the last thing to be assembled before the meal is served. A salad should neither be limp, nor tired, nor flat, nor "runny," but instead, refreshing, crisp, chewy. Keeping your salad vegetables in cold water promotes that crisp quality we always look for.

The best salad is a combination of these fresh, raw vegetables, a little salad cream or dressing, and a lot of imagination. Yes, imagination is one of the most important ingredients in a salad. It makes the difference between something just stirred together and something that is a thing of beauty. Salads can be artistic, and this is one avenue through which the housewife can display her talents along this line.

Right now we have a great variety in salad vegetables: lettuce, radishes, carrots, cabbage, cress, asparagus tips, cauliflower, celery, cucumbers and small onions are perhaps our most common. These can be varied in so many different ways. Remember that a good salad does not have to be a fussy salad nor an expensive one. Be original, however, in creating salad variations. A few salad combinations are suggested below.

With fruit so plentiful in our markets

By EVA COLLARD

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at this season, it is also a good idea to treat the family to a good fruit salad occasionally. A moulded jelly salad will bring forth comments from your family, too. A recipe for both a good fruit salad and a moulded salad is given below.

Just a few tips on salad making: Make your salads easy to eat, especially when children are involved. Cut the lettuce or other salad greens so they can be handled easily with the fork at the table. Why not wash your scissors and use them for this? Use a light touch when you put salads together. Avoid too much stirring. Let the different vegetables keep their identity, instead of mixing them up too much. Use salad dressing sparingly.

Salad combinations: Cabbage, tomato, cucumber; carrots and cabbage; potato, diced cooked egg, celery, onion.

TIZER SALAD

- 1 package Lemon jelly
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup hot pineapple juice
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup hot water
- 1 cup Tizer
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup lemon juice
- Dash of salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup apples, chopped fine
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup grapes, halved
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup celery, sliced thin

Dissolve jelly in hot water, hot pineapple juice. Add sugar. Add lemon juice, Tizer and salt. When the mixture begins to set, fold in other ingredients. Mould and chill. Serve on lettuce leaf with salad cream.

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In Memory of Florence B. Dunn

By HANNAH E. JEVONS



Florence B. Dunn

who died at Provo, Utah,
March 19th, 1950

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SISTER Florence B. Dunn was called to be president of the Handsworth Branch Relief Society in March, 1923, by President Jeffries. For 17 years she held that office, being released only to fulfil a mission in this land with her husband.

She came into the office of president when her heart was very sore, having had to see the passing of her little daughter, Vera, who died of meningitis. She took up her work when, except for three men, everyone in the branch was out of work and funds were at a low ebb. She said, "How much better for the men and women to be given work to do for the money or food they receive than for it just to be given to them." She herself put this idea into practice by employing a brother. Her counsel and advice were always that we should ask our Father in Heaven to give us wisdom in the spending of the little we had.

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The sisters found real relief from their cares and worries in the social evenings and outings in the summer to the surrounding parks which Sister Dunn organised. She was ever thinking of something to give pleasure and always trying to raise funds so that the Relief Society would be able to help the needy. Sometimes a family would need a little extra, and in trying to save every copper that she could squeeze from her own family budget, she would do without starch, use less soap, go a few days with less or no meat, or wait for another month to get new shoes or have worn ones repaired for herself and family. It was only her counsellors that ever knew just how she sacrificed for the benefit of the Saints, and I was often near when she would shed many tears on their behalf. She rendered unquestioning obedience and loyalty to all placed in authority over her. All programmes and suggestions that came from the Mission Office were carried out at once. In her home the Gospel was lived by example. Only the best was good enough for all her family. Indeed, she was a real helpmeet to her beloved husband and a devoted mother to her children.

As was said of Eliza R. Snow, so can be said of Florence B. Dunn: No night was too dark, too cold, or too wet; she was never too tired to go and take comfort and cheer to the Saints. Never did she ask us, her counsellors, or any Relief Society sister, to do one thing she did not do herself, nor ever asked one of us to live the Gospel better than she did.

The love and high esteem with which she is remembered by us all is perhaps the greatest and most lasting tribute that could be given to the memory of a beautiful and faithful sister.

The Beauty of the Church

THE other day I met a chap who had been greatly impressed with the people in the Latter-day Saint Church. He marvelled at the fact that they always seemed tidy and well-groomed although not necessarily expensively dressed. He also commented on the fact that they always seemed extraordinarily patient when discussing religion, never getting excited or angry at what others might say about them. He said it didn't matter where he went, he always found the same characteristics in the Latter-day Saint people.

Here was a man who was deeply impressed by the outward actions of a group of people. Through these impressions he very likely will look into the teachings of the Gospel, and if his desire for truth is great enough, he will be led into membership in the Kingdom of God here on this earth. Through his life and actions others will probably be led in the same path.

What a great responsibility this places upon our shoulders as members of Christ's Church. For over one hundred and twenty years the members of this Church have used every reputable and lawful means of spreading the Gospel that others might partake of the blessings which will come from obedience to the commandments of God. Too much stress cannot be placed upon the little things that we, as members, do to make this Church organization appear good and worthwhile to others.

For some little time now the British Mission Presidency has had a campaign under way for the improvement of the Church meeting halls throughout the mission. It is indeed amazing what influence a clean and well-furnished meeting place will have on those who may be investigating the Gospel. Certainly it is a normal reaction for an investigator to feel that if there is something worthwhile the people will probably be industrious enough to provide a presentable place to meet.

Of course, the problems of each branch throughout the mission vary considerably and these must be taken into account but there is no branch that is without the possibility of improvement. President Richards has commented on several of the branches that have made improvements and are keeping their branch halls in tip-top shape. Particularly was he impressed with the neat and attractive condition of the Hull Branch.

In the next few months there is going to be a concentrated effort to improve the meeting halls throughout the mission. There can be no question that through this effort on the part of the individual members there will be seen a marked improvement in the missionary as well as the activity record of the mission.—

HUGH S. WEST

Love Comes Unseen

PERHAPS too much has been written in the past on love and unity in the home and not enough about the same qualities elsewhere. It is true that when the home environment is good, the desirable traits gained there will likely be carried by the individual members of the family with them in their activities involving others. To this extent, when love at home is emphasized we are beginning at the most likely source. Never should one lose sight of the fact, however, that the love which exists **only** in the home is but a particle of what it should be or could be.

Love in its fullest sense should attract and enfold others. A happy family is always a beautiful thing to see and should make a person feel that he'd like to be part of it. More important yet, he should know that he **could** be a part of it if he wished and that he would be welcome to share the spirit there. No hint of exclusiveness should exist in a family where love dominates. There should always be "room for one more".

Taking this idea a step further, each of our branches should possess these same qualities and attributes. Most of our gatherings are opened and closed with prayer, during which the Spirit of God—the spirit of love—is always requested to be with us. That request includes all those present, stranger, investigator, or old member. Its manifestation comes from us. We, the members, are the ones who should go to the trouble of bringing others into our group and making them feel they belong.

Trite as it may sound, each group or branch of church members should be like a family, radiating love and working together in unity. After all, we pray, we sing, we often eat, we laugh, and we work—together. We all have the same aims, goals, ideals, purposes, and love of the Gospel. Moreover, we believe we are **all** the sons and daughters of God—every man or woman is our brother or sister. Literally, we are the family of our Father in Heaven.

The more we strive to help others and to live the commandments of God ourselves, the greater becomes our unity, and as our unity grows, the spirit of love grows also. Thus it becomes an ever-increasing circle. It is only when disharmony creeps in that the growth stops and love and unity begin to die.

As Austin Dobson once wrote, "Love comes unseen; we only see it go." When it does leave a group where it has been, all life and warmth leave too.

The work of the Lord cannot go on under these conditions.—

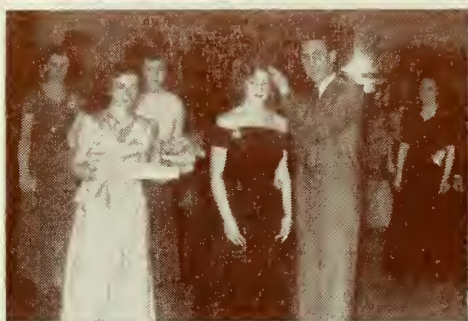
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YOUR GOLD AND GREEN QUEENS

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Leeds District. The Leeds District Gold and Green Ball was held March 10th, 1950, at the Batley Town Hall. Sister Joan Emmins and Elder David H. Simister were in charge of the preparations, and Brothers Herbert Walker and John Bradbury were the masters of ceremony. The Queen was Miss Joyce Battye of the Halifax Branch who obtained the honour of this position by choosing the corsage which contained the word "Queen" in the wrapping. She was crowned by President Stayner Richards of the British Mission.

Sister Battye, along with her mother and younger sister, was baptised in June, 1949. She is active in the branch, at present holding the position of Relief Society secretary. She is also training to be a nurse. During the evening, she told the 200 members and friends present to keep active in the Church. That's fine advice!

Scottish District. The highlight of the year so far in Scotland was the Gold and Green Ball held in the Berkley Hall, Glasgow, on the 4th of March. A large crowd attended, and applauded the crowning of Miss Cathy McDonald of the Glasgow Branch as Queen of the festivities. She was crowned by Elder David Bean.

Newcastle District. The first Newcastle District Gold and Green Ball since the war was held in the Heaton Assembly Rooms on March 3rd, under the direction of the Y.M. and Y.W.M.I.A. assistants, Elder Boyd K. Storey and Miss Margaret Graham. The hall was filled to capacity with an attendance of 175 who danced to the music of Cyril C. Wordsworth's Orchestra. Margaret Graham chose the lucky scroll bearing the word "Queen." Miss Graham is a recent

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The Chippings Leave For Zion

EARLY Friday morning, April 21st, 1950, President and Sister William O. Chipping, accompanied by their son and daughter, sailed for America aboard the "Queen Elizabeth." The Chippings have been a great help in the work of the Church here in England. President Chipping, besides having been extremely active in his home branch, St. Albans, served a special mission of about a year tracing lost members of record. He was then called to act as second counsellor in the British Mission Presidency, working with both President Selvoy J. Boyer and President Stayner Richards. He was in charge of the Mission Sunday School and was also adviser for the Primary. His wife was active in the Relief Society, serving as one of the counsellors for the Mission in that auxiliary. We know that in Zion they will find happiness by continuing their fine work, and that those around them will benefit from their sweet, loving spirits.



A HOUSE?—OR A HOME?

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FRUIT SALAD

Cut up into a large bowl 2 medium-sized apples, 2 oranges, 1 cup grapes, and 1 cup pears. Add $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dates, cut finely, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup walnuts. Mix together and add Fruit Sauce. Serve on a large lettuce leaf.

Fruit Sauce:

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup pineapple juice

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup lemon juice
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup orange juice
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar
3 tablespoons cornflour
1 cup canned cream, well chilled

Heat pineapple juice, lemon juice and orange juice together. Add sugar. Thicken with cornflour moistened with juice. Cool and add to canned cream which has been beaten until stiff and frothy.

YOUR GOLD AND GREEN QUEENS —continued from previous page

convert to the Church and is active in several organisations apart from being Y.W.M.I.A. district assistant. Branch Queens present were Mrs. Nan Almond of West Hartlepool, Miss Grace Wright of Sunderland, Miss Mabel Cottam of South Shields, and Miss Audrey Mealy of Newcastle City. After the crowning of the Queen, the spotlight was focused on "Ballerina" Almond, whose services were obtained at "enormous expense" to the district. Somehow there seemed to be a remarkable resemblance to Mr. Sydney Almond of West Hartlepool as a performance of the "Dance of the Fairies" was given. The festivities were aided immeasurably by the presence of paper hats and balloons—ably blown up by long-winded Elder Newbold.

BRITISH MISSION

Arrivals and Assignments

The following missionaries arrived in the British Mission:

Name	Home	Assignment (District)
March 29th		
Sister Ethel C. Crowther	Provo, Utah	London
Sister Lyndon G. Eakett	Calgary, Alta., Canada	Manchester
Sister LaRee N. Gill	Salt Lake City, Utah	Lond. Office
Sister Dorothy J. Horrocks	Pocatello, Idaho	Birmingham
Sister Zelda F. Cuthbert	Brigham City, Utah	Norwich
Elder Leonard R. Huff	Spanish Fork, Utah	Nottingham
Elder Jay Van Christensen	Inglewood, Calif.	Liverpool
Elder Russell C. Robertson	Honolulu, T. H.	Leeds

Appointments and Transfers

The following district transfers of missionaries have recently occurred:

Name	From	To	Date
Sister Margaret Loosle	London	Welsh	March 27th
Sister Lois Nielson	Norwich	Manchester	March 27th
Sister Virginia Booth	Birmingham	Welsh	March 27th

Releases

The following were released as missionaries of the British Mission:

Name	Districts
March 31st	
Elder T. H. Aldous	Norwich
Elder Harold M. Dougal	Liverpool, London Office, Millennial Chorus, Newcastle*
Elder Victor E. Gilbert	Newcastle
April 6th	
Elder Ralph Crystal	London, Nottingham
April 21st	
Elder Franz Johansen	London Dist., London Office
Elder E. E. Royle	London

* District President

Doings in the District



Notable Newcastle

Left to right, starting at the top.

1. A number of the dancers at the Gold and Green Ball.
2. Members of the Carlisle Branch holding a fireside circle at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace.
3. "Ballerina" Almond doing a graceful turn in mid-air at the District Gold and Green Ball.
4. The Newcastle City Sunday School, taken after meeting.
5. Mr. McKie of the South Shields Branch. The district's oldest member at 95 years.
6. Sunderland Branch Beehive Chorus.

District Activities

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT

Reported by Florence Blackman

A special Easter programme was presented on April 9th by the Northampton Sunday School. Afterwards all of the children were given Easter Egg "candy" by Elder Brooks who is the Sunday School superintendent.

On March 17th the elders organised a film show ostensibly for the Primary but actually about 50 other children from the neighbourhood turned up also. We should be glad to see them every week. What a fine Primary session we would have then.

Farewell parties although rather sad usually manage to introduce plenty of fun. This was the case at Nuneaton when the Relief Society gathered to say farewell to Sister Booth who has been labouring as a missionary in the community for some time and has been the Relief Society president. Sister Booth has been transferred to Cardiff.

Winifred Lees presided at the Sunday evening M.I.A. programme on April 2nd. The programme included talks and songs by the M.I.A. chorus.

The Kidderminster Branch had a picnic for the Primary and Sunday School on Easter Monday. Although the barometer said "Wet and Windy" a grand time was had—the chapel made a good substitute for the green fields and trees.

There have been some changes in the M.I.A. and Sunday School presidencies in Birmingham owing to emigrations. Brother Walter Adams was released as second counsellor of the Sunday School and Brian Rex Harrison was set apart in his place. Brother Ivor and Sister Mary Thomas were released as M.I.A. president and John Kitsell and Thelma Green were sustained in their places. Brother Anthony Burgess was set apart as branch clerk. Sister Gwendolene Burgess replaced Sister Adams as second counsellor of the Relief Society. Gilliar Weyman became secretary of the Sunday School and Valerie Yates was appointed chorister.

BRISTOL DISTRICT

Reported by Derwin J. Orgill

On March 18th the Bournemouth Branch Relief Society sponsored a Jumble sale and supper which was held in the Fellowship Hall. Mrs. Lillian

May Hutchinson, Relief Society president, was in charge of the affairs. Mr. Joseph Walton Hall conducted the social in the evening. In attendance were 53 people, and the sum total of £12-6-0 was raised for the Relief Society fund.

Due to the sudden expansion of the Bournemouth Branch, the M.I.A. was organised with Walter Chiles sustained as president of the young men, with Henry Street as first counsellor and Elder Boyd L. Cullimore as second counsellor-secretary. Marion Chiles was put in as young ladies' president, with Edith Street as first counsellor and Priscilla Kilbey as second counsellor-secretary.

A party was given by the Bristol Branch members in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neal, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Neal are the oldest members in the branch. No doubt during their 45 years as members in Bristol they've seen a great change in the branch. Mr. Neal is now 84 years old and his wife is 82. During the course of the evening they were presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a large basket of fruit by Elder C. B. Sainsbury and President Dennis Collins. Also a delicious iced cake was given by the Relief Society and presented by Miss Iris Stanbury. Short talks were then given by Mr. A. Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Neal.



After the presentations and talks, a very fine programme was given. In attendance were a large number of their relatives, coupled with a big percentage of the branch membership. The Bristol Branch and the rest of the district wish this faithful couple all the best things in life.

From the Cheltenham Branch we hear that several enjoyable socials and dances under the auspices of the M.I.A. have been sponsored with grand success. Also, the Primary in this branch continues to grow, having an attendance now of about 40.

The Bristol District Conference was held April 9th in the Marlborough Room of the Grand Hotel, Bristol.

The meetings were conducted by President Richard D. Lambert under the direction of President Stayner Richards of the British Mission. Also in attendance were Sister Richards, President and Sister Chipping, President Charles Welling of the Welsh District, and his companion, Elder Don Keith Whatcott. Musical numbers were furnished by the Bristol District Elders Chorus, the Bristol Primary children, a solo by Elder Miles H. Johnson, and a duet by Elders Richard D. Lambert and Derwin J. Orgill. The conference was climaxed at the evening session when President Richards addressed 134 people on the subject, "The Book of Mormon."

HULL DISTRICT

Reported by Betty Pashby

The children of the Hull Branch Primary had a grand time at a party held on March 21st. It was Eileen Pashby's birthday, and the 38 children present soon disposed of the jellies, ice cream, etc., very kindly provided for them by her mother. Everyone joined in the games, and the kiddies went off home very tired but happy.

On March 25th the Relief Society sisters and members of the priesthood had an anniversary party. The evening sped by quickly, and the food, some of which was sent by Sister A. E. Ransom, now residing in America, was ably prepared by the sisters.

Although the weather wasn't at its best on Easter Sunday, the programme throughout the whole day was bright and spiritually uplifting in Hull. The Sunday School took over in the morning, and nearly all of the children participated by reciting scripture, giving talks, or presenting poems. The evening service was under the direction of the M.I.A., and Elder Ralph Wheeler, president of the Y.M.M.I.A., conducted the meeting. Talks were given by John C. Kennington, Elder R. Hedman, Sister Betty Pashby (president Y.W.M.I.A.) and Elder McClure. Bobbie Thistleton read a scripture reading, and Eileen Dibnah gave the theme. Hilda Twidale sang "Hold Thou My Hand" and District President Allen M. Swan played two piano solos.

A conference eve social was held on April 1st in Hull. Dancing and games had been arranged for the crowd which attended by Betty Pashby and Elder R. C. Wheeler. One of the big attractions was that President and

Sister Stayner Richards were in attendance. The money raised was in aid of the Sunday School funds.

The Hull District Conference was held on April 2nd. The Relief Society and Priesthood met separately in the morning, and President Richards and his wife had the opportunity to get acquainted with each of the groups individually. The words of inspiration given to the saints by President Richards, Sister Richards, Elder M. Russ Ballard, President Allen M. Swan, and many others were indeed taken to heart. An outstanding feature was the children's programme in the afternoon. They presented their songs, poems, and talks with surprising confidence. Musical numbers were given by the Grimsby Chorus, and the Hull Branch Singing Mothers. Brother Philip Granville played a beautiful violin solo. The Relief Society is certainly to be praised for the excellent meals provided throughout the day by the sisters.

The Grimsby M.I.A. had to postpone their outing on Easter Monday because of the weather, but the 24 in attendance, after having lunch in the hall, decided to visit the movies. For the past few weeks, the saints here have been meeting together with spades, trowels, forks, and other gardening implements to work on the welfare project. Their digging, planting, and weeding should bring forth "fruit" this summer.

Several members of the Scarborough Branch journeyed to York on Sunday, March 12th, for the opening of the new branch. They wish them well in their work.

IRISH DISTRICT

Reported by John L. Crockett

St. Patrick's evening was a big one for the Belfast Branch. A very fine programme was presented by the Relief Society sisters and everyone had a "smashing" time. The highlight of the evening was an exhibition of Irish dancing by some of the younger Relief Society members. These Colleens were dressed in native costume to add even more colour to the performance.

The Belfast Branch choir held an outing at Cave Hill on March 28th. All the members brought their sausages to roast over the fire, and the choir leader, Elder Sagers, furnished marshmallows for the group. Games and singing around the big fire pro-

vided a very enjoyable evening for all there.

The Irish District has had three very important guests in the past month—President and Sister Stayner Richards, and President Ballard. There was a special meeting held at which these people were honoured. The choir rendered two beautiful numbers, "Jesus of Nazareth" and "Behold, The Great Redeemer Die." All who attended the meeting greatly enjoyed the wonderful spirit these people carried with them. The Irish District wishes them all the success possible, and the blessings of the Lord.

On All Fools night the priesthood members of the Belfast Branch held a fancy dress party. Among the costumes were Indians, Chinamen, cowboys, tramps, and famous characters from history. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes, and were won by Jack Ditty, who was dressed as an



Indian, and Patsy Turner, who was dressed as a little Chinese girl. Games, skits, and songs presented by the brethren provided a very enjoyable evening, followed by refreshments. Proceeds from the programme went to the

branch for a new baptismal font.

On Easter Tuesday the M.I.A. sponsored a hike and picnic at Scarbo Tower. In between rain and hail storms, many exciting games and races were played. It was a real test of endurance for the most lively, and many a scratch and bruise was received, but it all added up to a wonderful day.

The Dublin Branch hall was the scene of a "Fun Carnival" on March 29th, sponsored by the M.I.A. to raise funds for the future entertainment of the branch. The hall was filled with various forms of entertainment such as darts, ring boards, ball games, and rifle range. Everyone had an enjoyable time and went home financially broke, but the money had gone to a good cause.

On Sunday, April 2nd the Irish District Genealogical Convention was held in Dublin. President Cunningham was the special guest and speaker. Gordon Kendall and Ralph Blakeburn were also representing the genealogical work from Dublin.

The evening service on April 2nd was presented by the M.I.A. With the exception of one speaker the programme was made up of friends of the church. Michael McAleer, who is in the branch presidency, conducted, and the speakers who were friends that volunteered to do the honours were: Florrie Roberts (scripture reading); George Roberts (My reasons for not swearing); Chris Wilson (Abhor the Unclean Joke and Smutty Story); Isabel Turner (Control of tongue); Ann Banner (Theme). It was a thrill to see and hear the young friends of the church take the parts as they did. Sister Pat Richardson furnished the music for the meeting.

Easter Monday was the scene of another day of festivities for the Dublin Branch. The fifteen members of the party that were there enjoyed the outing at Bray Head—despite the cold wind and rain. The time was spent playing football and eating under a shed specially acquired for shelter from the elements. While on the train the roar of singing and laughter could be heard from the merry group.

The Dublin Branch M.I.A. basketball team has challenged the University of Catholic College, Dublin, basketball team to play on April 19th. The U.C.D. team will have to work hard to beat our M.I.A. team.

LEEDS DISTRICT

Reported by Norah Stephenson

Elder Robert Smith has been released as branch president of the Castleford Branch, and Elder Elton L. Harmon takes over in his place.

On Saturday, March 4th, a farewell social was held at Bradford for Mr. C. Warner and his son, Derek, who left for Zion on the 15th. A short speech was given by Mr. Warner during the interval, but his son disappeared as soon as he heard the word "speech" mentioned. The masters of ceremony for the games were President Stanley Robertshaw and Mr. Herbert Walker. Mr. W. R. Kirk and Mr. D. Bradbury were the M.C.'s for the dancing.

A grand social and dance was held in the Bradford Branch on March 11th. Entertainment was provided by Misses Vera Firth and Marjorie Woodcock who sang a duet, "Madame Will You Walk?"; Miss Woodcock also sang a solo, "The Lilac Tree." Vera Firth played "In a Persian Market" on the piano, and a humorous recitation was

given by Mr. Newsome Kirk. Later in the evening there was a make-up competition. Winners were Elder Edward E. Edwards who made up Miss Kitty Laycock, Elder Marvin E. Preston and Miss Joan Day, Elder David Simister and Miss Ann Kirk. Mrs. E. Walworth sang "Carnival" and "Count Your Blessings," forming the third member of a trio on the latter with Miss Gladys Goldthorpe and Miss Ann Kirk. To end the social, records of the Tabernacle Choir were played to the 60 saints and friends present.

A dance, sponsored by the branch presidency, was held on March 18th at Bradford. Approximately 40 members and friends were present. The M.C.'s were President Stanley Robertshaw and Mr. Fred Laycock.

The rain on Easter Monday did not dampen the spirits of the members, friends, and the missionaries of the Leeds District as they set out on their tour of the Lake District in two luxury coaches. One of the humorous incidents which occurred was during the



tour of Lake Windermere by boat when District President Evans and Elder Seely had the misfortune to have their hats blown into the lake. On attempting to retrieve them, half the occupants of the boat were drenched and only Elder Seely's hat was recovered. Eight lakes were viewed along with some of the mountain ranges. The peaks of the mountains were covered with snow and daffodils were just beginning to peep through. The tour included every kind of weather except thunder and lightning.

The Sunday evening meeting on April 2nd was given by the M.I.A. at Bradford. It was conducted by Mr. Newsome Kirk and Miss G. Goldthorpe, with talks by Miss M. Kirk, Miss Ann Kirk, Mr. Allen Firth, and Mr. William R. Kirk. The scripture reading was given by Miss Marjorie Woodcock, and the theme by Miss A. Fallon. Organist was Mr. K. S. Hawkins.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT **Reported by Ruth Peel**

Elder Justin B. Green was recently appointed president of Liverpool Branch. Elder Green succeeds Elder Edmund C. Evans, who has been called

to preside over Leeds District. The best wishes of all Liverpoolians are extended to both elders in their new positions.

March 29th was M.I.A. drama night. Two plays were presented, and the talent shown was such that an offer from Hollywood is expected any time.

Nelson Branch celebrated their first anniversary on Good Friday with a ramble to Pendle Hill. In the evening, the Relief Society prepared a delicious tea. A concert was presented which included a talent competition. The prize, a five pound toffee stick, was won by the Primary children. The programme was concluded with dancing. Over 60 gathered to celebrate their progress of the past year and wish them greater success in the future.

The Primary children, under supervision of the missionaries, worked several evenings in clearing, spading, and planting shrubs and flowers in front of the Burnley Branch chapel.

On Saturday, April 1st, an April Fool's Dance was held in the Burnley chapel. Everyone present had a grand time dancing to the music of Harry Greenwood.

March 21st the Relief Society of the Wigan Branch held their annual Spring social with an attendance of members and investigators that was most gratifying.

April 2nd, the M.I.A. in Wigan put on a very inspirational programme with the theme being germane to the M.I.A. theme, "Cleanliness of mind, body, and spirit." All the groups of M.I.A. instruction were represented during the programme in song or word.

On March 18th, the Preston Branch Relief Society held the 108th anniversary celebration. District Supervisors Florence Baird and Elizabeth Souter were in attendance along with 40 members and friends. The hall was decorated in the Relief Society colours of blue and gold, as was the cake made by Beatrice Webster. This was cut during the evening by the Relief Society supervisors.

On Easter Monday a sunrise service was held by the Preston M.I.A. on the banks of the River Ribble, near the place where the first baptisms in the British Isles were performed. In spite of the wet weather, a fine spirit prevailed.

LONDON DISTRICT

Reported by Jean Silsbury

St. Albans Branch celebrated the Relief Society "birthday" on March 16th. Mrs. L. Chipping arranged a grand dinner in the new hall, where more than 40 met to enjoy the celebration. President Stayner Richards and his wife were there, and the president entertained everyone with his good humour. President Quinn McKay and Relief Society supervisor of the London District, Mrs. Maud Hawkes, were also present. A very special birthday cake was made and iced in blue and gold, and after the dinner was over the company enjoyed games and dancing.

Gravesend M.I.A. met for a trip to Chatham Empire on March 30th to see the play "P.C. 49."

What weather we had for Easter Monday! Most of the carefully thought out plans for outdoor entertainment had to be cancelled. Gravesend who had planned to go to Lhorne Woods, had to retire to their meeting hall to play table tennis, darts, and have some skipping demonstrations. When the cinema opened, the party adjourned there and nearly filled it by a mass invasion.

Catford too had to turn their outing into an "inning" at the home of Mr. W. Wood. Here they enjoyed games and refreshments so that they did not regret having to stay indoors.

South London, however, did carry through their plans and went to Earlswood Common, near Redhill, in spite of the unfavourable elements. It was hoped that the weather would "clear up," but the weather man was against them. However, during the afternoon, the party played games and had a "sing." When the saints returned home the rain had not dampened their spirits, and they entertained the rest of the train by singing lustily.

"Work!" was the M.I.A.'s project in South London on April 18th when the entire M.I.A. spent the evening spring cleaning. Though some frowned at the idea of working like that, they all agreed afterwards it had been a very happy evening. The workers sang as they scrubbed and polished, and the evening finished with refreshments.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT

Reported by George A. Taylor

With a trip to Abergele on Easter Friday the Saints of Rochdale began

an enjoyable week-end, seeing the countryside and ending in the castle.

The following day, for further excitement, they went to Belle Vue to roar, shout, and cheer at the Speedway. Previous to these events, a Foolsday Social was held when 75 people surprised themselves and others with good clean fun and frolics. We saints do get around.

Elder Stuart was the guest of honour at a party given in the home of Sister Howarth. Thirty people were there and all expressed their thanks to the hostess and Mrs. Jackson, who presented to Elder Stuart a gift on behalf of the Bury Branch.

Eighty people enjoyed a grand Easter social and dance on April 1st at the Stockport Branch, organised by the M.I.A. On Good Friday, a hike to Castleton was organised and the famous Blue John Mines were inspected. Some of the unusual stone was prospected by the members of the party who had aspirations towards mining. On Easter Monday, ten stalwart members turned out for a picnic to Lyne Park, but the weather beat them to it. They visited Belle Vue and had a very enjoyable day.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT

Reported by Evelyn Young

A grand social was held on Tuesday, March 14th, at Middlesbrough in honour of Mr. and Mrs. L. Deatherhead and family, prior to their sailing for Zion. Both of them held responsible positions in the branch. During the evening a presentation was made of a canteen of cutlery as a token of esteem. Games were conducted by Mr. G. Thompson and the Relief Society provided ample refreshments. Twenty-seven people attended and all had a most enjoyable evening.

A pie and peas supper was held on Thursday, March 30th, in the home of Mrs. James A. Thompson, Middlesbrough, who prepared the food. Songs were sung, games were played, and there were a number of monologues given. The 14 present had a very happy evening together. A small charge was made and the Relief Society funds benefited.

March 11th was the anniversary of some of the members of the South Shields Branch, among them being Mrs. R. Balls, oldest Relief Society member, and Mr. McKie, who received a card from the members of the branch

congratulating him on his 95th birthday.

On April 2nd, following a successful conjoint programme presented by the Carlisle M.I.A., a "fireside" was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace where a film show was presented by Branch President Thomas V. Thomas. The fireside circle was conducted by M.I.A. president, Elder Rulan R. Adams. On Easter Monday the same branch held a social at the home of Mrs. Annie Tiffin.

A very fine display of country dancing was given by the Beehive Girls of the Sunderland Branch under the direction of Miss S. Boylen, dance instructress, at the dance festival held under the auspices of the M.I.A. on March 28th.

"I like riding on a Choo, Choo, Choo" and "Music, Music, Music!" were the signature tunes of West Hartlepool Branch when they held a bus outing on Easter Monday.



The first stop for the adventurers on a day which presented rain, sleet, snow, hailstones, wind, etc., was Barnard Castle, followed by High Force Waterfall, Middleton in Teasdale. Many plodded through the mud to obtain an exquisite view of the falls. To add more excitement, if one can call it that, several found themselves sliding down the embankment—not always the genteel way—how I know! After a general tidying up, we continued to Stanhope. It was a tired but happy crowd that arrived home that evening.

NORWICH DISTRICT Reported by Brenda Billings

On Friday, March 17th, under the direction of Sister Edith Paulett, Relief Society president, the Norwich Branch Relief Society held their 108th anniversary birthday tea in the Norwich chapel. The hall was decorated in blue and gold. The members of the priesthood were invited, and District President Valton Jackson was also in attendance. After a large sit-down tea, an enjoyable evening was spent in playing games and dancing. Brother Rix provided the music.

The Lowestoft Branch also held a social on March 17th, arranged by the Relief Society sisters. There was a

display of white hyacinths, and many beautiful blooms were shown. The prizewinner was Sister Gertrude Belton.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT Reported by Warren G. Astin

A special meeting was held in the Ilkeston Branch on March 19th. Visiting speakers were District President Sidney J. Nebeker and District Clerk James K. Seastrand. A piano solo was given by Elder Ivan L. Carbine. Fifteen members, friends, and investigators were present.

On the 28th of March the Eastwood Branch Relief Society, under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Potts, held a successful social. Songs and community singing were enjoyed by all present. The highlight of the social was a "treasure chest" and Elder Stevens quickly sold out all long lost treasures, the proceeds from which were added to the branch building fund.

March 25th was the date of the Derby Branch Relief Society social. Over 100 guests sat down to a tasty luncheon prepared by the Relief Society sisters under the direction of Mrs. Webster, Relief Society president of the Derby Branch. A variety programme was presented as the entertainment of the evening. M.C.'d by Elder D. L. Thacker. A young ladies' dancing class presented numbers, followed by a humorous skit, trumpet solos, comical readings, a missionary quartette, and other fine and enjoyable numbers.

The Leicester Branch members and friends spent an enjoyable evening of dancing, March 18th, to increase the branch building fund. Music for this delightful occasion was supplied by the Rhythmaires Dance Band. Sunday School Superintendent Roy Roberts was master of ceremonies, and the refreshments were supplied by the Relief Society.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT Reported by Margaret Yardley

The Edinburgh Branch were a little sad at the beginning of the month with the transfer of Sister Margaret Hamilton. However, Sister Essie Wright who has taken her place, has kept the old tradition of good comradeship.

Elder David Campbell, former president of the Edinburgh Branch, has

been transferred to the Dundee Branch.

The special interest group of the Airdrie M.I.A. held an outstanding party on March 29th. Many games were played, and dancing was enjoyed. Everyone who attended had a very fine evening.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT Reported by Arvilla Smith

A social evening sponsored by the Relief Society sisters was held April 8th in the Doncaster Latter-day Saint meeting room. A good attendance of members and friends enjoyed an entertaining programme which included a sketch entitled "Red Wax," given by six of the sisters. Refreshments were sold, and the proceeds went to help swell the Relief Society funds.

Elder Robert Thurston, Sunday School supervisor of the Rotherham Branch has been released owing to his transfer to Sheffield. Elder Glen W. Welling has been sustained in his stead.

Sheffield District M Men and Gleaner banquet was held March 25th in the Latter-day Saint recreation room. M.I.A. Supervisors Wendy Card and Vernon C. Jensen planned the affair and the proceedings were under the chairmanship of John Holton of the Rotherham Branch. After a meal of cold meat, yanky salad, trifles and cakes, toasts were given and accepted by the assigned persons representing each branch in the district. The whole evening was then turned over to ball-room dancing.

Drama night of the Sheffield Branch M.I.A. was held March 28th. Amy E. Parr, director, was responsible for a very enjoyable programme. The play entitled "Mixed Pickles" was very well acted by Vera Beattie, Lillian Cotterill, and Elders Brammer and Quilter. Skits were also given by the Boy Scouts. The rest of the evening was turned over to games and entertainments conducted by the M.I.A. officers. Lollipops were enjoyed for refreshments.

A farewell party for Miss Joan Adams of the Sheffield Branch was held March 21st before her departure for Utah. President George W. Laycock officiated with the M.I.A. assisting in games and entertainment. On behalf of the branch, a silver cake dish was presented to Miss Adams as a token of love and best wishes for the future. Relief Society sisters served refreshments.

Easter Monday the Sheffield Branch M.I.A. cancelled their outing for Longshaw Park and met in the recreation hall of the church. After c o m u n i t y singing, everyone adjourned to the picture show arranged before h a n d.



The next night they joined together again for a good old "Virginia Reel."

The Sunday evening programme, April 2nd, was under the direction of the M.I.A. Speeches were given by Elders Robert V. Thurston and Thomas W. Brammer. Elder Fred W. Quilter and Brother Ernest Beattie stressed the subject, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?"

The Easter Sunday programme in Sheffield was under the supervision of Ernest Beattie, Raymond Lloyd, and Mary Laycock. Both children and adults shared the responsibility for the programme, and the spirit of the occasion was surely felt. Brother Smith of Leeds as a representative of the Sunday School Board was in attendance and spoke words of encouragement to the children and the others present.

WELSH DISTRICT Reported by Margaret Loosle

The Welsh District conference was recently held in the May Street Institute which the Cardiff Branch now uses for a meeting place. The afternoon luncheon programme was under the able direction of Sister Kathleen N. Miller. Sister Miller had something distinctly original in the preparation of the food. Each individual received his lunch wrapped separately. Everyone in the Cardiff Branch enjoyed the wonderful conference and was pleased to meet President and Sister Stayner Richards for the first time.

Another "first" in the Welsh District is the privilege of having two lady missionaries labour there for the first time in three years. They are Sister Virginia Booth and Sister Margaret Loosle, assigned to the Cardiff Branch.

The Pontypool Branch presented a fine Easter programme consisting of a vocal solo, "Easter Morning," by Lilian Morgan, and excellent talks given by Elders Carter and Faraway. The attendance in this branch, in spite of recent immigrations, has continued to increase.

Personals

BAPTISMS

Name	Baptised by	Confirmed by
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT		
March 4th		
Brian P. Durant	Elder G. Holland	K. L. Hatch
Brian E. Durant	Elder G. Holland	Pres. H. B. Leatham
April 7th		
Carol L. Hopkins	Elder J. Brooks	Elder F. Webb
BRISTOL DISTRICT		
March 26th		
Arthur G. Chard of Bournemouth	Elder M. H. Johnson	Elder P. S. Crockett
Constance M. Chard of Bournemouth	Elder M. H. Johnson	Elder B. L. Cullimore
Myrtle L. M. Crossman of B'mouth	Elder M. H. Johnson	Elder M. H. Johnson
Elsie Thompson of Bournemouth	Elder D. J. Orgill	Elder R. D. Lambert
Henry J. G. Street of Bournemouth	Elder D. J. Orgill	Elder P. S. Crockett
HULL DISTRICT		
April 1st		
Lesley C. Bushell of Grimsby	Elder D. N. Phelps	Elder D. E. Hipwell
Queenie I. Bushell of Grimsby	Elder D. N. Phelps	Elder E. D. Roberts
Stephen Bushell of Grimsby	Elder D. N. Phelps	Elder R. D. Wheeler
Bonita Granville of Grimsby	Elder D. N. Phelps	Elder D. E. Hipwell
Maria M. Barwick of Hull	Elder W. Thornton	Elder A. M. Swan
Beatrice Barwick of Hull	Elder W. Thornton	Pres. S. Richards
Christine H. Crosby of Scarborough	Elder D. N. Phelps	Elder N. G. Ainscough
April 2nd		
Robert F. Hammond of Grimsby	Elder W. Thornton	Elder F. Heywood
LONDON DISTRICT		
April 15th		
William McNeal of St. Albans	Elder R. Shupe	Elder Q. McKay
Alfred Varney of Dagenham	Elder R. Shupe	Elder Q. McKay
Amy Varney of Dagenham	Elder R. Shupe	Elder M. Bennett
Alan Varney of Dagenham	Elder R. Shupe	Elder Q. McKay
Keith Varney of Dagenham	Elder R. Shupe	Elder C. McGuire
Norman Varney of Dagenham	Elder R. Shupe	Elder G. Bethers
Michael Hill of South London	James P. Hill	Elder M. C. Nalder
Esme T. Creasy of Gravesend	Elder D. Romrell	Elder C. McGuire
Bruce Burgoyne of Luton	Elder D. Carroll	Elder S. Cornwall
Shirley Leurs of Luton	Elder D. Carroll	Elder G. Osborne
Raymond Irving of South London	Elder H. West	Elder M. C. Nalder
MANCHESTER DISTRICT		
March 24th		
Barbara E. Reed of Manchester	Elder J. A. Green	Elder B. D. Gardner
John R. Reed of Manchester	Elder J. A. Green	Elder B. D. Gardner
Geo. Henry Kewley, Jr., of M'ch'ter	Elder Wm. Thornton	Elder F. Heywood
Michael J. Corbishley of Manchester	L. M. Gregson	Elder R. J. Beck
NEWCASTLE DISTRICT		
April 13th		
Angus Morris of Newcastle City	Elder G. R. Parker	Elder E. W. Hunter

Name	Baptised by	Confirmed by
NORWICH DISTRICT		
March 25th		
Christopher J. Pitt	B. R. Harris	Elder G. E. Hunter
NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT		
March 25th		
Dorothy G. Jack of Leicester	Elder S. J. Nebeker	Elder K. L. Noall
Margaret Z. Porter of Leicester	Elder R. Crystal	Elder L. B. Campbell
Albert E. Porter, Jnr. of Leicester	Elder R. Crystal	Elder L. B. Campbell
Elizabeth Twycross of Leicester	Elder S. J. Nebeker	Elder W. Astin
Elaine Waldram of Leicester	Elder R. Crystal	L. J. Sullivan
April 6th		
Sheila A. Todd of Ilkeston	Elder J. K. Seastrand	T. W. Anthony
Edna K. Northover of Derby	Elder D. L. Thacker	Elder R. J. Allen
Kay J. Northover of Derby	Elder J. K. Seastrand	G. Allen
Frederick M. Northover of Derby	Elder J. K. Seastrand	Elder D. L. Thacker
Frederick J. Northover of Derby	Elder D. L. Thacker	Elder J. K. Seastrand
SHEFFIELD DISTRICT		
March 4th		
Alma Parkin of Doncaster	Elder G. Condie	Elder D. E. Gledhill

DEATHS

BEAL.—It was with deep regret that members of the Newcastle District heard of the death of Mrs. Ada Briggs Beal. Sister Beal had been an active member of the Church for over 45 years, and until her emigration a year and a half ago to America was connected with the South Shields Branch where she held numerous positions. Her life was devoted to church work, missionary work within the branch, and to the upbringing of her niece who later sailed for Zion. Eighteen months ago Sister Beal joined her niece there, and within a short time married and was living a life of complete happiness. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Beal for he has indeed lost a wonderful companion—but only for the remainder of this life.

HAMPSTEAD.—John Hampstead, age 77 years, of the Rotherham Branch passed away March 29th and was buried April 2nd at the Haugh Road Cemetery. District President David E. Gledhill conducted the service in the cemetery chapel, after which Elder Theo Bradbury dedicated the grave.

EMIGRATIONS

WEATHERHEAD.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Weatherhead and David sailed for Zion on Tuesday, March 29th aboard the "Britannic." Their destination was Idaho.

ADAMS.—Miss Joan Adams of the Sheffield Branch sailed for Utah on March 28th aboard the S.S. Brittanic. She will be married soon and make her home in Wyoming.

ADAMS.—Brother and Sister Walter Adams and their son, Bernard, left Birmingham for Salt Lake City on March 30th. They sailed on the "America".

THOMAS.—Brother and Sister I. Thomas left on the "Queen Elizabeth" on April 6th. They will also make their home in Salt Lake City.

MARRIAGE

GREEN-BRADSHAW.—Mr. Richard Bradshaw and Miss Kathleen Green of the Sheffield Branch were married March 25th in the Latter-day Saint Chapel by District President David E. Gledhill.

RONDO ON A THEME BY GOD

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"Oh."

"You'll be baptised when you're old enough," she continued.

"Does the Lord want me to be?"

"Yes."

"Why?" he asked after a short pause.

"So that you can be a member of His church here on earth, and live the way He wants you to all the rest of your life."

"When will I be baptised, Mother?"

"When you're eight years old," she answered, smiling.

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Mother and Dad had talked a lot about baptism and the Holy Ghost for months before his eighth birthday. He'd heard about them in Church too. He was looking forward to it in some ways, and in others he was a little dubious about the whole thing. Supposing his father dropped him in the water and before he could get out he drowned?

But when the time came, his father smiled as he helped him down the stairs into the font. They were both dressed all in white, and his Dad looked so big and powerful that he didn't worry anymore. His father held up his right hand, said, "Having been commissioned of Jesus Christ . . ." and he remembered all the things he'd been told about baptism. Then it was all over. He went under the water and came out so quickly that he hardly realised what had happened. He didn't even have time to hold his nose! When he brushed his dripping hair from his face and opened his eyes, he saw his mother standing above him on the other side of the font with a towel to dry him. She was crying, but she didn't seem to be unhappy. She kissed him on the cheek as she met him when he came out of the water. He knew she would have hugged him too if he hadn't been so wet.

When the hands of three big men were laid on his head, they felt very

heavy, but he kept his eyes tightly closed as they spoke, waiting to hear them say, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." After that he breathed deeply.

He was now a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He felt very grown-up!

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He thought he'd be different after his baptism, but the change was a more subtle one than he expected. No miracle occurred. People didn't point him out as he walked down the street and say, "Look! See! He's been baptised!" But he wasn't the same boy he had been. He did have to stop and think quite often, "Is is all right for me to do that now that I'm a member of the church?"

He found there were even more things now that he had to learn too. He studied the priesthoods and longed for the day when he'd be twelve and could pass the sacrament with the deacons. His mother taught him about the Word of Wisdom and explained why they never drank coffee or tea the way so many others did.

And so the years passed quickly. He grew tall, straight, and strong while his mother and father grew old, grey, and weak, but never less precious or less necessary.

One day, without warning, his father was gone. He hardly had come to realise it when his mother was taken also.

And he was alone again.

Yet as he thought about it, he realised he wasn't. His parents had always been just ahead of him, preparing him for the future, showing him the way to go. They were still just ahead, waiting for him to join them.

And in a greater sense, they were still with him. He was what they had helped him to be. His every move, his every action, his every thought was the result of the love and kindness they had given him. He would never be alone again no matter where he was. He understood now. He knew where

he had come from. He knew where he was going.

He knew the way.

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A child was alone in darkness.

He had been separated from someone he loved. The world around him was in upheaval, and he had no light. He did the only thing he knew how—he began to cry.

And then the darkness began to lift,

and he felt himself snuggled against something soft and warm. He felt protected and no longer alone. His little cries faded into short, infrequent gasps. Then he fell asleep.

And his father, looking through moist eyes down at him resting in his mother's arms—remembered, and was grateful that he could help another receive the rich blessings which had been given him through his parents when he himself had been separated from God to come to earth.

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time, and all they had for food was bread and meat. When the sailors got back to shore, they were all glad to have other things to eat.

“‘Oh, how good these vegetables taste,’ said one sailor.

“‘I can't get enough fruit to eat,’ said another.

“‘I feel better already,’ said a third.

“‘It seems strange, but I always get better when I get back on land and can get fruit and vegetables to eat,’ said a fourth sailor.

“‘I've found that out too,’ added still another.

“And so, after a long time, it was found that sailors who had scurvy got well when they came into port and began to eat fresh vegetables and fruit again. In other words, the things they ate on ship, such as cured meats, bread, and coffee seemed to make them sick.

Oranges or lemons, vegetables, and milk helped them recover.”

David said, “If sailors—and they're grown men—need fruits and vegetables, I guess I do, too.”

“And milk,” added Mother.

“All right,” said Jean with a smile. “I'll even drink my milk.”

She rushed over and drank the milk left from her lunch. She was surprised how good it tasted.

And she always drank it from then on whenever her mother gave it to her. Nor did she and David ever leave vegetables on their plates again.

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ANSWERS TO

MAY BASKET FLOWERS

1, Forget-me-not; 2, Foxglove; 3, Bachelor's-button; 4, Lily of the valley; 5, Snapdragon; 6, Buttercup; 7, Tiger lily; 8, Carnation; Tulips; 10, Four-o'clock.

BRITISH MISSIONARY SAVES DROWNING BOY

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which we had to take this walk and

the direction that was given to our steps was simply guidance from our Father in Heaven. At such times as this the fact that God does live and is constantly with us is experienced with unquestionable reality.

“THINGS MONEY CAN'T BUY”

“It is a good thing to have money and the things that money can buy, but it is good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things money can't buy. Here are some of them:

“Money can't buy real friendship—friendship must be earned.

“Money can't buy a clear conscience—square dealing is the price tag.

“Money can't buy the glow of good health—right living is the secret.

“Money can't buy happiness—happiness is a mental condition and one may be as happy in a cottage as in a mansion.

“Money can't buy sunsets, songs of wild birds and the music of the wind in the trees—these are as free as the air we breathe.

“Money can't buy inward peace—peace is the result of a constructive philosophy in life.

“Money can't buy a good character—good character is achieved through decent habits of private living and wholesome dealings in our open contacts with our fellow men.”

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CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESS

- To be able to carry money without spending it;
- To be able to bear an injustice without retaliating;
- To be able to do one's duty even when one is not watched;
- To be able to keep at the job until it is finished;
- To be able to make use of criticism without letting it whip you.

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THE SECRET OF SUCCESS . . . of Happiness . . . of Life—is to give. Let man serve, and somehow the divine law will find him out, be he ever so secretive about the service he renders. There is an immutable law of compensation that decrees “as you give so shall you receive.”

“WHAT I GIVE OUT COMES BACK TO ME, MULTIPLIED.”

“QUEEN MOTHER”

By ANDREW F. DEMAINE

How much improved our lives would be, if doing good to others
Meant taking patterns seriously from all our loving mothers.
There'd be no greed, no self, no pain, no flags of war unfurled,
Our days would be replete with joy, and Love would rule the world.

A chosen woman bore Our Lord, whose tender heart He cherished
And called her name in agony as on the Cross He perished.
She loved Him well in tender years, she loved Him well in fame;
If Jesus loved his mother, then we should do the same.

How apt we are when we grow up to thoughtlessly forget her;
Let's make her happy while we can by word, or deed, or letter:
In giving us this mortal life, which heaven once possessed,
She ranks among us on this earth as one most highly blessed.

Think kindly thoughts about her as she ever thinks of you.
She owes you very little, to her the debt is due.
And sweeter will life grow to be for Christians everywhere
If we breathe the name of Mother in our every earnest prayer.